



Notice is hereby given that Derbyshire Dales District Council (the Council) is conducting a Community Governance Review to consider the electoral arrangements for the parishes of Darley Dale, Matlock, South Darley and Northwood and Tinkersley in the context of the Derbyshire Dales (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 which establishes the new District Council Wards of Darley Dale, Matlock West and Bonsall & Winster.

In June 2022 the Council carried out initial consultation as part of a Community Governance Review triggered by the final report of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) following their electoral review of the Derbyshire Dales. The Derbyshire Dales (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 bringing these changes into effect was made on 8th July 2022 and will come into force on 15 October 2022.

In most cases the new Council ward boundaries were conterminous with existing Parish/Town Council boundaries with the exception of Darley Dale, Matlock and South Darley where the Oker and Snitterton Ward of the civil parish of South Darley and the Morledge estate in the civil parish of Darley Dale were to be included in the District Council Ward of Matlock West. As a result properties in these areas will be located in a different District Council Ward to other properties in the same civil parish.

In light of these changes the Council commenced a Community Governance Review in respect of the civil parishes of Daley Dale, Matlock, South Darley and Northwood and Tinkersley to seek the views of local residents and stakeholders on whether there is support for a proposal to change the boundaries of the Parish/Town Councils affected by the revised District Council warding arrangements for Matlock and Darley Dale. The initial consultation stage of the Review asked for feedback on civil parish council boundaries, the number of councillors elected to each council and their warding arrangements.

In response to the initial consultation the District Council received representations from all four of the relevant parish and town councils and 39 individual contributions from residents of South Darley.

South Darley and Matlock

Consultation feedback showed that there was support from South Darley Parish Council, Matlock Town Council and the majority of residents responding to the consultation to change the civil parish boundary between Matlock and South Darley by moving new properties in the Matlock Spa development from the Oker and Snitterton Ward in the civil parish of South Darley into the civil parish of Matlock. This area is shaded in blue in the attached maps (maps 1a & 1b). In light of the strong support for this option the Council is now consulting on its intention to make a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to make this change to be implemented from the Parish Council elections in 2023.

The consultation responses gave the following reasons in support of the proposed change:

- The new housing in the quarry would have stronger links and greater affinity with the Town of Matlock than surrounding villages particularly as there will be no direct access from the new development into Oaker and Snitterton.
- The new development is being marketed as Matlock Spa so those moving into the new high density properties will be seen to be in Matlock and have a more urban feel.

There was no support for moving all of the Oaker and Snitterton Ward in the civil parish of South Darley into Matlock to make the Parish Council boundary coterminous with the District Council Ward. The reasons for this are summarised as follows:

- The villages of Oker and Snitterton are rural villages with common interests with other local villages including Darley Bridge and Wensley and have different requirements than the residents of Matlock.
- In common with other wards in South Darley parts of the Oker and Snitterton Ward are located in the Peak District National Park and therefore share a common interest.
- Oker and Snitterton historically have strong links with the parish of South Darley with residents using facilities in the Parish such as the school, church, village halls, allotments and pubs and attending community events. No such links exist with Matlock.

A summary of all the responses received are published on the Council's website here:

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/community-governance-review>

Darley Dale and Matlock

Consultation feedback showed that there was support from Darley Dale Town Council and Matlock Town Council to change the civil parish boundary between Darley Dale and Matlock by moving properties in the Morledge Estate from the civil parish of Darley Dale into the civil parish of Matlock. This area is shaded in grey in the attached map (maps 1a & 1b). In light of the support for this option the District Council is now consulting on its intention to include this change in a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to be implemented from the Parish Council elections in 2023.

Darley Dale and Northwood and Tinkersley

In their submission Darley Dale Town Council proposed that, as the civil parish of Northwood and Tinkersley is included in the new District Council Ward of Darley Dale, it should be merged with the civil parish of Darley Dale to restore the historic boundaries of Darley Dale. Northwood and Tinkersley Parish Council has strongly objected to this suggestion. As part of this consultation the District Council will seek views on this proposal. The affected area is shown in the attached map (map 2).

Council Size and Warding Arrangements

The initial consultation responses did not suggest that there was any strong support for making changes to the number of Councillors elected to the four parish and town

Councils which are the subject of this review or the warding arrangements for each Council.

However, if the proposed parish boundary changes set out in this report are approved there will be a need to look at the warding arrangements for Matlock Town Council. In the coming weeks we will be looking at some of the options available to make sure that there will be an appropriate level of representation across the enlarged civic parish that recognises the distinct communities within it, but we are not consulting on any specific warding proposals at this moment in time. We would however welcome any suggestions or observations as part of this review.

In terms of Darley Dale Town Council, if the civil parish council ward of Morledge is moved into the civil parish of Matlock it is proposed that the Town Council should retain 12 Councillors with 7 elected from the North Ward and 5 elected from the South Ward. It is believed that retaining the Council at its current size and increasing representation in the South Ward is reasonable due to ongoing residential developments in the Parish.

In the civil parish of South Darley it is proposed that if the boundary changed the existing council size and warding arrangements should be retained as, even with the loss of the area shown on Maps 1a & 1b, the electorate would remain at the level it is currently, therefore the existing ratio of electors per Councillor would remain the same.

Related Alteration Order

After completing a community governance review, principal authorities may make a request to the LGBCE to make related alterations to ward and division boundaries.

Therefore, if the proposals in this notice are approved and a reorganisation of community governance order is made, the District Council will make a request to the LCBCE to make a Related Alteration Order for the following related alterations:

- To change the boundary of the Matlock West Ward of Derbyshire Dales District Council so that all the remaining properties in the civil parish ward of Oker and Snitterton are moved into the District Council's Bonsall and Winster Ward.
- To change the boundary of the Derwent Valley Division of Derbyshire County Council so that the blue and grey shaded areas on the attached maps (Maps 1a & 1b) move into the County Council's Matlock Division.

The decision on these recommendations will rest with the LCBCE and must be submitted by 1 October if the changes are to be made before the District and Parish Council elections in May 2023.

As part of this consultation we would welcome feedback on the proposal to submit a request to the Commission.

Summary of Proposals

1. To make a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to change the civil parish boundary of Matlock to incorporate the areas identified as Matlock Spa and Morledge on maps 1a and 1b.
2. To seek feedback on a proposal from Darley Dale Town Council to merge the civil parish of Northwood and Tinkersley into the civil parish of Darley Dale (Map 2)
3. To seek feedback on a proposal to ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make a Related Alteration Order to change the boundaries of the Matlock West and Bonsall and Winster Wards of Derbyshire Dales District Council and the Matlock and Derwent Valley Divisions of Derbyshire County Council.(Map 3)

The full terms of reference and timetable for this review are available on the Council's website at

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/community-governance-review>

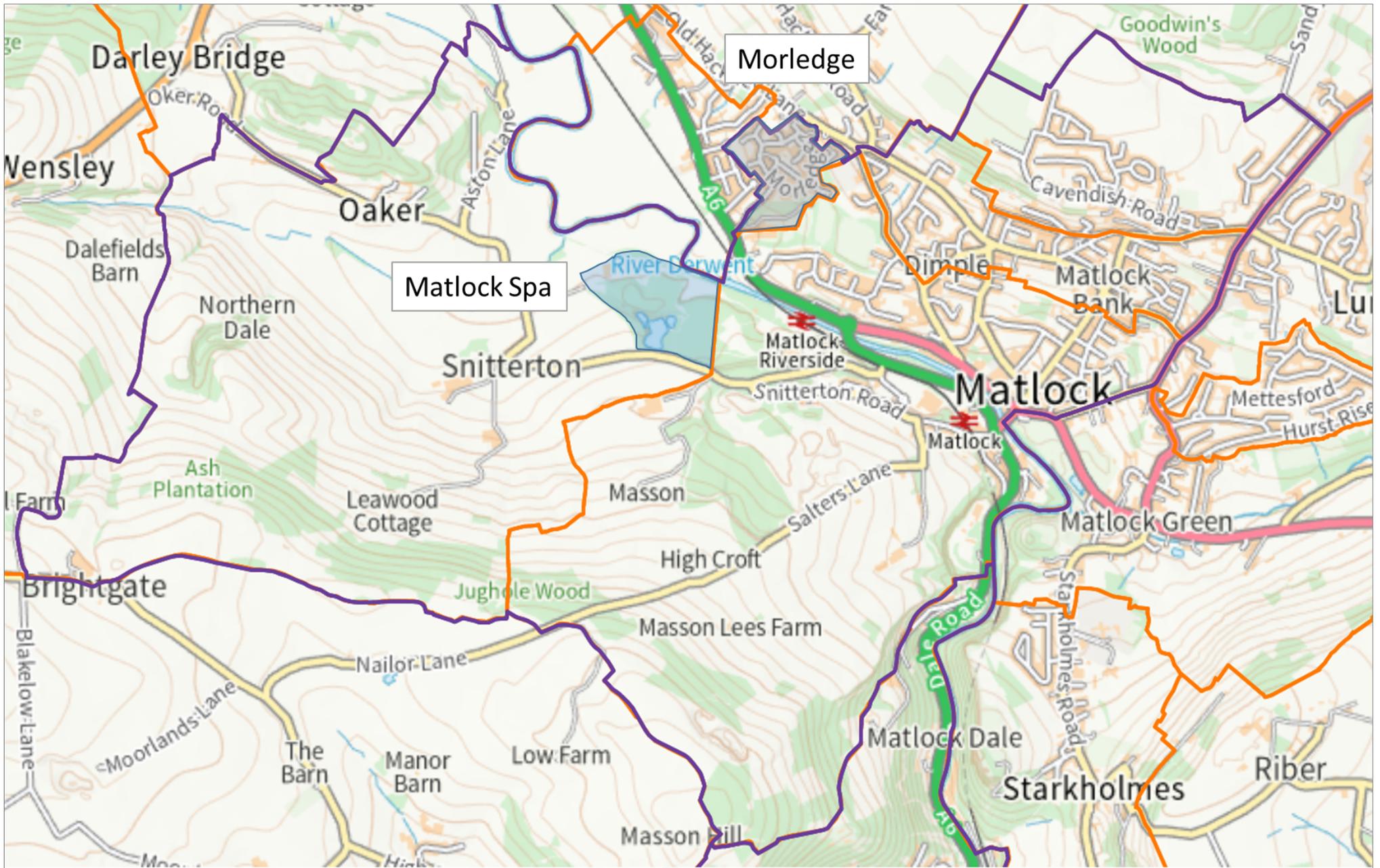
If you wish to make any representations please send them to the Director of Corporate & Customer Services, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN or email electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk by **18 September 2022**.

Any representations received will be summarised on the website and reported to the Council on 29 September 2022.

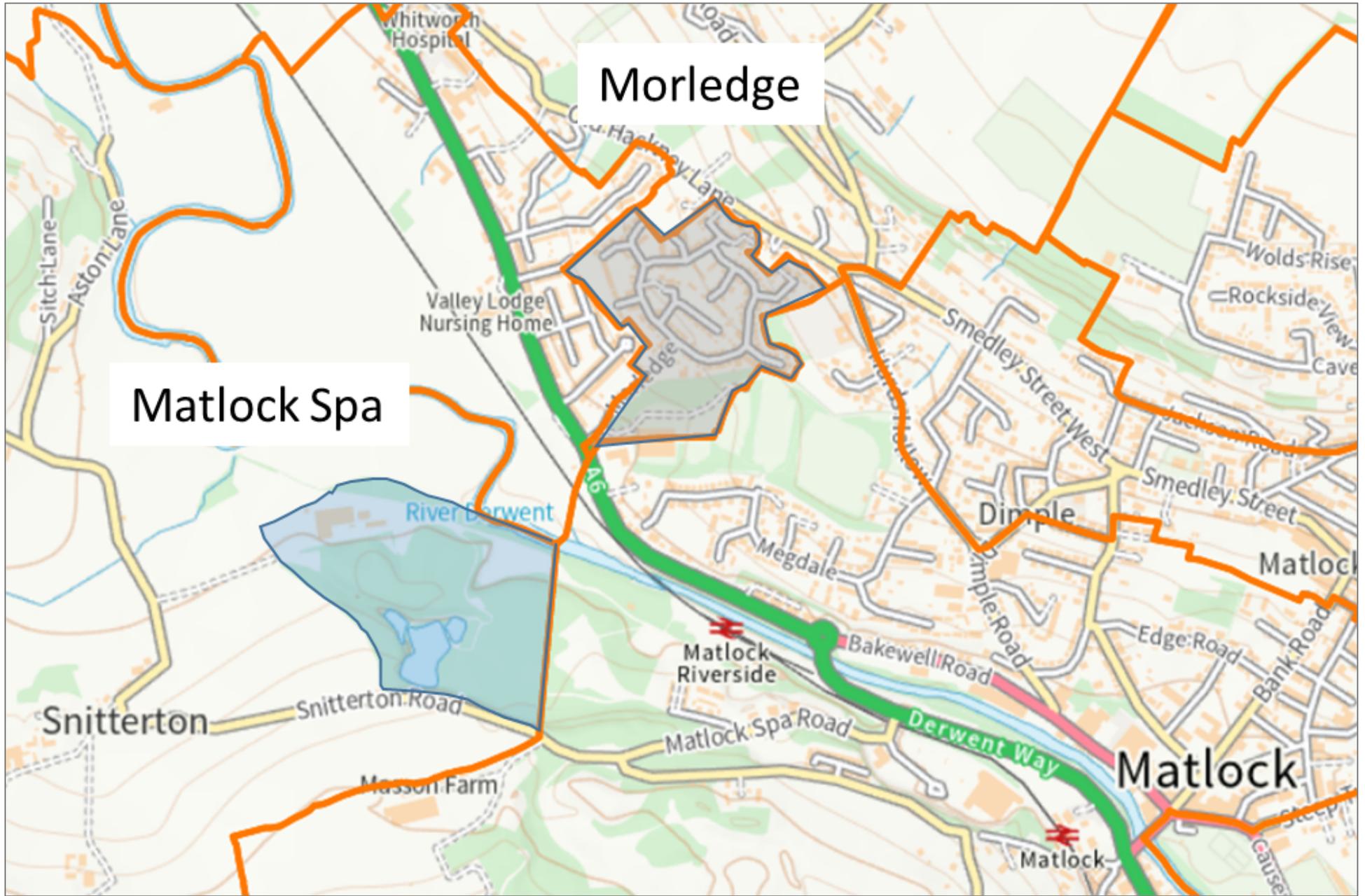
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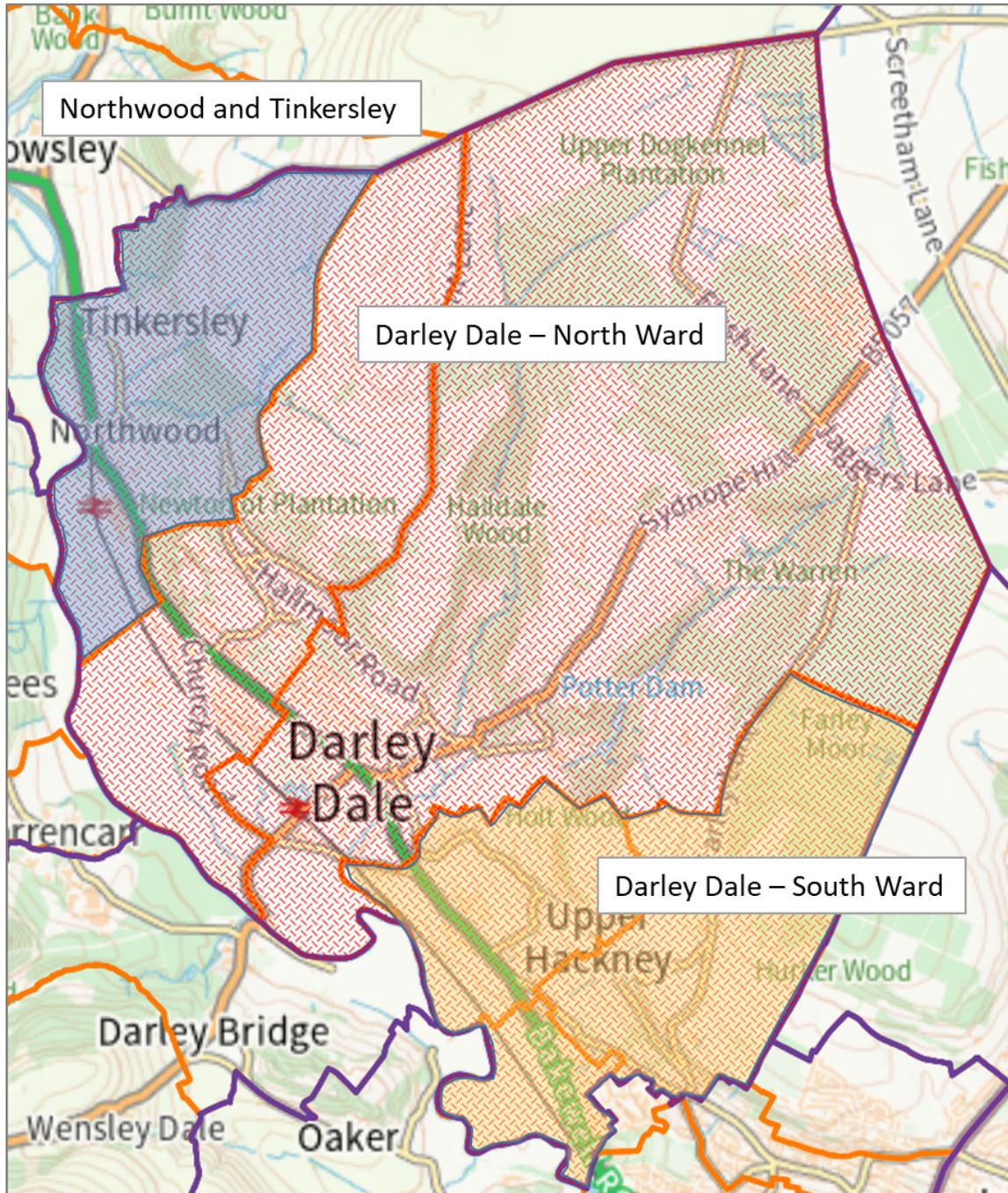
Map 1a – Derbyshire Dales Matlock West Ward (Including Matlock Spa [Blue] and Morledge [Grey])



Map 1b – Close up of Matlock Spa (Blue) and Morledge (Grey)



Map 2 – Derbyshire Dales Darley Dale Ward (Blue shaded area Civil Parish of Northwood and Tinkersley)



Map 3 – Derbyshire County Council - Matlock Division (Blue Line shows proposed extended boundary)

